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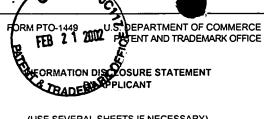
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| HG               | 6,293,612       | 09/25/01   | Crean              |               |                                       |                                        |
| )                | 6,260,909       | 07/17/01   | Crean et al.       |               |                                       |                                        |
|                  | 6,231,115       | 05/15/01   | Crean              |               |                                       |                                        |
|                  | 6,170,903       | 01/09/01   | Crean              |               | ·                                     |                                        |
|                  | 6,158,794       | 12/12/00   | Flanagan           |               |                                       | _                                      |
|                  | 6,098,346       | 08/08/00   | Miller et al.      |               |                                       |                                        |
|                  | 6,007,142       | 12/28/99   | Gehman et al.      |               |                                       |                                        |
|                  | 5,983,576       | 11/16/99   | Hanser et al.      |               |                                       |                                        |
|                  | 5,951,082       | 09/14/99   | DiBiagio et al.    |               |                                       |                                        |
|                  | 5,940,012       | 08/17/99   | Studebaker         |               |                                       |                                        |
|                  | 5,934,026       | 08/10/99   | Green              |               |                                       |                                        |
|                  | 5,915,774       | 06/29/99   | Tiedge             |               |                                       |                                        |
|                  | 5,902,001       | 05/11/99   | Schneider          |               |                                       |                                        |
|                  | 5,894,698       | 04/20/99   | Dewald, Jr. et al. |               |                                       | ***                                    |
|                  | 5,833,294       | 11/10/98   | Williams et al.    |               | · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · |                                        |
|                  | 5,800,002       | 09/01/98   | Tiedge et al.      | <u> </u>      |                                       |                                        |
|                  | 5,791,726       | 08/11/98 . | Kaufman            |               |                                       | ······································ |
|                  | 5,791,715       | 08/11/98   | Nebel              |               |                                       |                                        |
|                  | 5,788,306       | 08/04/98   | DiBiagio et al     |               | */-                                   |                                        |
|                  | 5,785,373       | 07/28/98   | Futrell et al.     |               |                                       |                                        |
|                  | 5,746,473       | 05/05/98   | Crean              |               |                                       |                                        |
|                  | 5,734,336       | 03/31/98   | Smithline          | 1             |                                       |                                        |
| 1                | 5,718,253       | 02/17/98   | McNamee            | <del> </del>  |                                       |                                        |
|                  | 5,706,616       | 01/13/98   | Fernandez          | +             |                                       |                                        |
|                  | 5,673,962       | 10/07/97   | Maieli et al.      | <del>- </del> |                                       |                                        |
| H F              | 5,658,032       | 08/19/97   | Gardner            |               |                                       |                                        |

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| HG                    | 5,658,031       | 08/19/97 | DiBiagio et al.    |       |          | -                               |
| i                     | 5,634,683       | 06/03/97 | Young              |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 5,620,224       | 04/15/97 | DiBiagio et al.    |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 5,566,918       | 10/22/96 | Becker             |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 5,560,444       | 10/01/96 | Tiedge             |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 5,529,825       | 06/25/96 | Sutherland         |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 5,516,182       | 05/14/96 | Aragon et al.      |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 5,419,607       | 05/30/95 | Oliveira           |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 5,403,063       | 04/04/95 | Sjostedt et al.    |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 5,401,050       | 03/28/95 | Baker              |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 5,374,094       | 12/20/94 | Smith et al.       |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 5,358,298       | 10/25/94 | Fate               |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 5,291,701       | 03/08/94 | Delacollete et al. |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 5,280,990       | 01/25/94 | Rinard             |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 5,248,005       | 09/28/93 | Mochizuki          |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 5,242,185       | 09/07/93 | Carr et al.        |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 5,237,782       | 08/24/93 | Cooper             |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 5,199,120       | 04/06/93 | Holmes             |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 5,171,056       | 12/15/92 | Faludy et al.      |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 5,143,418       | 09/01/92 | Fouquet            |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 5,112,082       | 05/12/92 | Clelland           |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 5,100,716       | 03/31/92 | Juneau             |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 5,100,196       | 03/31/92 | Dodgen             |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 5,090,749       | 02/25/92 | Lee                |       |          |                                 |
| J                     | 5,061,001       | 10/29/91 | Madden et al.      |       |          |                                 |
| Ho                    | 5,028,072       | 07/02/91 | Lindsay            |       |          |                                 |

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| HG                    | 4,974,899       | 12/04/90  | Sargent           |       |          |                                 |
| 1                     | 4,971,355       | 11/20/90  | Studdard          |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 4,960,299       | 10/02/90  | Steadman          |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 4,957,323       | 09/18/90  | Johnson           |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 4,955,661       | 09/11/90  | Mattice           |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 4,867,502       | 09/19/89  | Sylvester, et al. |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 4,841,897       | 06/27/89  | Claffin           |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 4,776,631       | 10/11/88  | Sargent, et al.   |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 4,772,063       | 09/20/88  | Amy               |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 4,746,164       | 05/24/.88 | Crean             |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 4,729,594       | 03/08/88  | Hoff              |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 4,728,144       | 03/01/88  | Crean :           |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 4,719,954       | 01/19/88  | Curtis et al.     |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 4,653,125       | 03/31/87  | Porter            |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 4,652,041       | 03/24/87  | Barber et al.     |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 4,589,463       | 05/20/86  | Ryan              |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 4,550,946       | 11/05/85  | Hanemaayer        |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 4,500,132       | 02/19/85  | Yoder             |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 4,480,866       | 11/06/84  | Komatsu           | _     |          |                                 |
|                       | 4,468,823       | 09/04/84  | Tounjian          |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 4,457,554       | 07/03/84  | Fuisz et al.      |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 4,322,108       | 03/30/82  | McPherson         |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 4,175,576       | 11/27/79  | lby               |       |          |                                 |
|                       | 4,147,379       | 04/03/79  | Winslow           |       |          |                                 |
| 1                     | 4,109,954       | 08/29/78  | Wall              |       |          |                                 |
| 116                   | 4,108,326       | 08/22/78  | Bertolini         |       |          |                                 |

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| Ha                  |   | 4,106,732       | 08/15/78 | Whiting               |       |          |                                 |
| 1                   |   | 4,014,586       | 03/29/77 | Swofford              |       |          |                                 |
|                     |   | 3,959,985       | 06/01/76 | Schulze, Sr.          |       |          |                                 |
|                     |   | 3,918,510       | 11/11/75 | Hayward               |       |          |                                 |
|                     |   | 3,915,492       | 10/28/75 | Agnese                |       |          |                                 |
|                     |   | 3,902,752       | 09/02/75 | Pelletier             |       |          |                                 |
|                     |   | 3,895,726       | 07/22/75 | Rassieur              |       |          |                                 |
|                     |   | 3,887,220       | 06/03/75 | Hall                  |       |          |                                 |
|                     |   | 3,850,470       | 11/26/74 | Trelle                |       |          |                                 |
|                     |   | 3,825,281       | 07/23/74 | Howard                |       |          |                                 |
|                     |   | 3,801,138       | 04/02/74 | Quick                 |       |          |                                 |
|                     |   | 3,740,088       | 06/19/73 | Ratcliff              |       |          |                                 |
|                     |   | 3,735,998       | 05/29/73 | Green                 |       |          |                                 |
|                     |   | 3,719,386       | 03/06/73 | Puckett et al.        |       |          |                                 |
|                     | 4 | 3,608,954       | 09/28/71 | Lynd                  |       |          |                                 |
|                     |   | 3,572,809       | 03/30/71 | Buland                |       |          |                                 |
|                     |   | 3,565,480       | 02/23/71 | McCollum et al.       |       |          |                                 |
|                     |   | 3,341,986       | 09/19/67 | Brosig                |       |          |                                 |
|                     |   | 3,300,839       | 01/31/67 | Lichti                |       |          |                                 |
|                     |   | 3,287,058       | 11/22/66 | Wells                 |       |          |                                 |
|                     |   | 3,254,914       | 06/07/66 | Steck                 |       |          |                                 |
|                     |   | 3,165,350       | 01/12/65 | Willson               |       |          |                                 |
|                     |   | 3,106,750       | 10/15/63 | Jarman                |       |          |                                 |
|                     |   | 2,876,035       | 03/03/59 | Houdart               |       |          |                                 |
| 1                   |   | 2,788,791       | 04/16/57 | Pospisil et al.       |       |          |                                 |
| HG                  |   | 2,704,223       | 03/15/55 | Houdart               |       |          |                                 |

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| HG               | 2,639,187             | 05/19/53 | Grumbache |       |          | _                               |  |
|                  | 2,606,057             | 08/05/52 | Johnson   |       |          |                                 |  |
|                  | 2,225,319             | 12/17/40 | Rollo     |       |          |                                 |  |
|                  | , 2,177,394           | 10/24/39 | Pierce    |       |          |                                 |  |
|                  | 2,150,615             | 03/14/39 | Sword     |       |          |                                 |  |
|                  | 1,536,518             | 05/05/25 | Osborn    |       |          |                                 |  |
|                  | Re. 37,351            | 09/04/01 | Crean     |       |          |                                 |  |
| 49               | Re. 32,262            | 10/07/86 | Stewart   |       |          |                                 |  |

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| HC       | GB 2 260 951             | 05/05/93 | Great Britain |       |          |             |  |  |  |  |
| 1        | DE 42 04 640 A           | 8/19/93  | Germany       |       |          |             |  |  |  |  |
|          | 616,274                  | 01/19/49 | Great Britain |       |          |             |  |  |  |  |
|          | 478,931                  | 05/25/51 | İtaly -       |       |          |             |  |  |  |  |
| <b>—</b> | 353,262                  | 09/10/57 | Switzerland   |       |          |             |  |  |  |  |
| HG       | 2,088,789                | 11/15/80 | Great Britain |       |          |             |  |  |  |  |

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| HG               | Brochure: Ideal from Alfa, 11/96                                                                   |
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